

September 28, 2006

The Walton County Board of Commissioners held a called meeting on Thursday, September 28, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Walton County Government Building, 303 South Hammond Drive, Suite 330, Monroe, Ga. Those present included Chairman Kevin Little, Commissioners Clinton Ayers, Michael Turner, Vickie Gasaway, Lamar Palmer, Gerald Atha and John Robinson, County Clerk Leta Talbird, County Attorney Kirby Atkinson, Personnel Director Karen Fraser, Finance Officer Christi Pickens and Planning Director Mike Martin. A list of citizens and other employees in attendance at this meeting is on file in the auxiliary file under this meeting date.

Chairman Little called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner Ayers opened the meeting in prayer.

Commissioner Robinson made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2006 meeting. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered a request from Traffic Operations to eliminate an Equipment Operator II position and substitute an Administrative II position. Commissioner Robinson made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Jimmy Parker of Precision Planning presented a proposal for design of intersection improvements at Bold Springs Road and Carl Davis Road. The Board discussed prioritizing proposed intersection improvements to coincide with the opening of new schools. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the proposal. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Walnut Grove for deep patching on Old. Hwy. 138 and for resurfacing Habersham Circle. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve the agreement as drawn by the County Attorney. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

District Attorney Ken Wynn requested a budget amendment to create an additional full-time assistant district attorney position to handle juvenile

court and to assist in superior court, to fund one-half of assistant district attorney position which is now funded by victim surcharge monies and Newton County and to create a third victim-witness position which will be paid for from victim surcharge monies. Mr. Wynn agreed to wait until January 1, 2007 to receive funding for one-half of the district attorney's position that is now funded by victim surcharge monies and Newton County.

Commissioner Atha made a motion to approve the request with the second part of the request to become effective January 1, 2007. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion. Commissioner Atha amended his motion to approve a budget amendment to reflect the approved increases. Commissioner Robinson seconded the amended motion. All voted in favor.

Finance Officer Christi Pickens presented contracts & budgeted purchases of \$2,500.00 or greater for the Board's consideration. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ayers, to approve contracts & purchases as presented. All voted in favor.

Wayne Tamplin of Treadwell Tamplin & Company presented the Fiscal Year 2005 audit report. The Board directed that appropriate department heads meet with Chairman Little and also respond in writing regarding recommended administrative corrections with those reports to be submitted to the Board at the November 2, 2006 meeting.

Personnel Director Karen Fraser presented employee new hires for the record. Commissioner Gasaway made a motion to approve new hires as presented. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

The Board considered requests for proposals submitted for a Classification and Pay Plan Study. After discussion, Commissioner Ayers made a motion to table a decision on the matter until the October 3, 2006 meeting. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority Director Wendell Geiger gave an update on the new water meter system. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to ratify actions taken by the Authority at its September 26, 2006 meeting. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Jimmy Parker of Precision Planning, Inc. presented options for intersection improvements on Sharon Church Road and Centerhill Church Road. The Board also discussed proposed improvements on White Road. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to go forward with the engineering design for Option #2 including a traffic signal. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

At 7:39 p.m., Commissioner Robinson exited the meeting.

Chairman Little updated the Board on proposed improvements to the intersection at Sharon Church Road and S.R. 20.

Road Superintendent Steve Chandler updated the Board on roadside mowing and spraying schedules.

Recreation Director Jody Johnson gave an update on proposed improvements for park property located on S.R. 81. He presented a preliminary plan and cost estimates for the Board's review. Commissioner Turner made a motion to bid out Phase I of the plan as well as the proposed playground equipment. Commissioner Turner requested that the County Clerk research the meeting minutes regarding any commitment made by Darryl McWaters for paving within the park at the time that he donated the property. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Jody Johnson presented a proposal from Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Booth to sell the County property located across from South Walton Park for recreational use. Commissioner Turner made a motion to proceed with the purchase of the property. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Commissioner Turner stated that an Environmental Impact Study should be done on the property prior to closing.

Facilities Manager Joyce Chambers presented a list of surplus property for the Board's consideration. Ms. Chambers made a recommendation regarding the disposal of specific property. Commissioner Ayers made a motion to declare the property surplus and to give the Chairman the authority to approve additional items as necessary up to the date of the auction. Commissioner Atha seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Ms. Chambers presented proposals from two auctioneering companies. After discussion, Commissioner Gasaway made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Palmer, to give the Chairman the authority to review the proposals and to accept the company offering the best value. All voted in favor.

Ms. Chambers presented bids for roof repairs for Courthouse Annex III. Commissioner Atha made a motion to accept the bid from Kenner & Sons in the amount of \$22,500.00 for repairs to roof section #2. Commissioner Turner seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Ms. Chambers requested approval to use available SPLOST funds for improvements to the Government Building. She presented a list of proposed

projects. Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to approve the request. All voted in favor.

Jimmy Parker of Precision Planning, Inc. presented a proposal for the MS4 Permit Compliance Project Implementation and Monitoring Plan. Chad Olstrom, Precision Planning's Stormwater Department Head, reviewed the phases of the project. Mr. Parker recommended that the County hire a third party to perform sampling and monitoring rather than approving a proposed Stormwater Environmental Technician position for the County. After further discussion, Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to accept the proposal and to utilize fund balance for a budget amendment to cover the cost. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Palmer made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to approve a lease agreement with Harris Custom Programming, Inc. for case management and jury management software for the Clerk of Superior Court. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gasaway, to approve a contract with WDT Consulting for Juvenile Court liaison services. All voted in favor.

Commissioner Ayers made a motion to approve the following Juvenile Community Service Supervision contracts: Everett C. Bailey, IV, Kenneth D. Whelchel, Jr., James L. Vance, Jr., Timothy B. Thacker, Christopher M. Taylor, Angel A. Muniz, Kirk D. McLeroy, Henry G. Huff, Jr., James R. Groves, Robert D. Gilbert, Brett T. Davis & Michael D. Baldwin. Commissioner Gasaway seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

County Attorney Kirby Atkinson presented a Memorandum of Lease & Transfer Agreement with the Walton County Water & Sewerage Authority for property owned by the Authority located in Oconee County. Commissioner Turner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to approve the agreement. All voted in favor.

Jimmy Parker of Precision Planning, Inc. updated the Board on the Hard Labor Creek Reservoir bonding process.

County Attorney Chris Atkinson and Jimmy Parker of Precision Planning, Inc. presented a proposed Speed Hump Ordinance. After discussing proposed options, Commissioner Turner made a motion to modify the proposed ordinance as discussed and to begin the ordinance adoption process. Commissioner Ayers seconded the motion; voted and carried unanimously.

Jimmy Parker of Precision Planning, Inc. presented options for redesign of intersection improvements on Bay Creek Road at S.R. 81.

At 9:54 p.m., Commissioner Ayers made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Atha, to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor.

All documents of record for this meeting are on file in either the addendum book or auxiliary file under this meeting date.

KEVIN W. LITTLE, CHAIRMAN

LETA P. TALBIRD, CLERK

CLINTON AYERS, DISTRICT 1

MICHAEL TURNER, DISTRICT 2

VICKIE M. GASAWAY, DIST. 3

LAMAR PALMER, DISTRICT 4

GERALD ATHA, DISTRICT 5

JOHN ROBINSON, DISTRICT 6